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SUBJECT: SEMINAR ON NARCOTICS ERADICATION

1. A SEMINAR ON NARCOTICS ERADICATION UNDER THE VI DAN III (FOR THE PEOPLE) CAMPAIGN WAS HELD JULY 21 AT SAIGON CITY HALL. SEMINOR WAS SPONSORED BY THE SPECIAL ZONE COMMAND IN COOPERATION WITH THE SAIGON PREFECTURE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND NATIONAL POLICE COMMAND. APPROXIMATELY 300 POLICEMEN, CIVILIAN AND MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL ATTENDED.

2. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NATIONAL POLICE SAID THERE ARE NOW APPROXIMATELY 100,000 ADDICTS IN THE RVN WHO CONSUME ABOUT TWO TONS OF NARCOTICS PER MONTH. HE DISCLOSED THAT A KILO OF HEROIN IS PRICED AT VN\$300,000 (US \$600) IN LAOS BUT THIS PRICE IS "TENFOLD HIGHER" WHEN SENT TO VIET NAM . (COMMENT: ACCORDING LATEST DEA QUOTATIONS KILO HEROIN AT VIETNIANNE IS PRICED BETWEEN DOLLARS \$1000 AND \$1150 AND AT SAIGON DOLLARS \$5,200 OR LOWER.) SPOKESMAN OBSERVED THAT ESCALATED PRICE IN RVN PROVED
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EFFECTIVENESS OF POLICE PROCEDURES TO CONTROL NARCOTICS TRAFF-

ICKING. HE ALSO STRESSED THAT NARCOTICS ADDICTION IN THE RVN HAS
BECOME MORE SERIOUS SINCE THE DEPARTURE OF FOREIGN TROOPS BE-
CAUSE SMUGGLERS MUST NOW SELL TO VIETNAMESE YOUTHS.

3. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE JUDICIAL MILITARY POLICE ALSO SPOKE
ABOUT TOUGH ANTI/NARCOTICS LEGISLATION PROMULGATED AUGUST 12 1972.
(REF SAIGON 11955 AUGUST 141972)
HE REMINDED AUDIENCE THAT PUNITIVE EFFECTS OF THE LAW NOW PROVIDE
ONE TO TWO YEARS IMPRISONMENT HARD
LABOR FOR LIFE AND EVEN THE DEATH PENALTY ACCORDING TO TYPE OF
NARCOTICS INVOLVED.

4. SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS AGREED THAT A NATIONAL CAMPAIGN OF
INFORMATION AND EDUCATION ON NARCOTICS SHOULD BE LAUNCHED.
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